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REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 which were submitted in Application Serial No. 09/527,848 filed 03/17/00 and which were cited in PTO-892, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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